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Santa Barbara Maritime History Documentary to Premiere at Santa Barbara Film Festival

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Santa Barbara and the Sea; 13,000 Years of Maritime History chronicles our area's long, rich and unique relationship with the ocean. Featuring over 25 interviews with historians, scientists, fishermen and Chumash elders this feature-length documentary covers maritime activities here from the end of the last ice age to today. Along the way we learn why an accidental discovery on our Channel Islands challenged the theory of human migration. We meet the determined individuals who transformed our city from backwater to boom town. We also find out how a few innovative abalone divers changed the oil industry worldwide. In between are stories of surf, shipwrecks and skullduggery.

Although this is a story of our local area it encompasses much more than that. It speaks to our connection to a living environment vastly greater than ourselves, our last remaining wilderness on earth, the sea.

Santa Barbara and the Sea will premiere at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival screening at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 1 p.m. The 87-minute documentary was produced by CityTV18, the City of Santa Barbara's government access television channel. CityTV has produced a number of historical documentaries including *In Plain Site*; *Public Art in Santa Barbara* (2007) and the Emmy Award-winning *Impressions in Time*; *A Story of Santa Barbara* (2000).

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